National Register of Indian Citizens

1460. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to draw up a National Register of Indian citizens containing details about the citizens which will form the database for Government planning;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost involved;

(c) by when, the work in this direction is likely to commence and be completed; and

(d) whether the modalities for enumeration work have been finalised and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) At present, only a Pilot Project is being undertaken by the Government in a few selected sub-districts of various districts of 13 States and Union Territories, which will cost approximately Rs. 18.00 crores. The modalities of implementing the Pilot Project are being finalized. The Project will be launched shortly and is expected to be completed within 40-50 weeks from zero date.

Dialogue with concerned parties to resolve dispute

1461. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have again started any dialogue with the concerned parties to resolve the Ram Janam Bhoomi dispute of Ayodhya with a view to settle the issue by out of court negotiations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Killing of informers by militants in J&K

1462. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of informers have been killed in Kashmir valley by the militants;

(b) if so, the number of such persons killed during the last three months; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government had not provided sufficient securities to them which has resulted in their murders and if so, what are the reasons therefor and the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) During the last three months (*i.e.* November 2002- January 2003) 183 Civilians [Which include, among other Special Police Officers (SPOs) and members of Village Defence Committee (VDCs) as well] have been killed in Jammu & Kashmir by the terrorists. A few of the civilians, who have been killed, were informers of security forces.

(c) It will not be appropriate on the part of Government to provide physical security to the informers as the minute they are provided security they will get exposed as civilians who provide information about terrorists to the Security Forces. However, they are given support to ensure their own self defence by providing arms/ammunition and wireless sets to them wherever feasible.